Jordanelle Dance Hall

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Jordanelle Dance Hall

on West side of Hi way 189 immediately south of the river.

From Bill & DeEsta Jordan 6-29-87

1st built by Geo B & Emma Davis Jordan quite nice & large. Arnold Burgener of SLC helped build

They had a contest to see who could give it a good name.

a certain lady (Andy Murdock's wife Janice Horner's sister won the contest — Horner) won the contest by using the owner's name Jordan & combining it with their sheep brand - lazy "L". So she named the dance hall "Jordanelle".

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Jordanelle Dance Hall Burned down

Lightning struck like a ball abt 1934 & burned Dance Hall down
—Gladys Farr

Dance Hall Story

GEORGE BORLAN JORDAN AND EMMA DAVIS JORDAN

George Borlan Jordan was born February 14, 1872, in Heber, Utah, and died June 14, 1956. He was the son of John Jordan and Mary Spiers.

He married Emma Davis on October 12, 1899, who was born May 7, 1876, in Hailstone, Wasatch County. She was the daughter of Mary C. Goddard and William Davis.

Children: George Ervin (Opal Johnston), John William (DeEsta Jordan), Mae (Buys Cummings), Minnie (William Spanton), and Lloyd Spiers Jordan, deceased.

Emma was schooled in Heber and when she was 13 her father died.

Emma Davis worked for the John Moulton family for her board and room while attending school. Then she worked at the William Moulton ranch and dairy, where she met and fell in love with a young man also working at the same ranch, George B. Jordan.

They were married in Elkhorn in a log cabin by Bishop Johnny Duke, on October 12, 1896.

They had their wedding dance in the schoolhouse at the drain tunnel, which is now the Park Utah mine.

Mr. Jordan worked as a timber man in the drain tunnel for $4 a day (top wages then). They built a home on the Jordan ranch with the help of his brothers, Allen and John.

On October 12, 1899, Emma and George went to Salt Lake City, Utah, in a covered wagon and they camped in the yard of the tithing office (a two-day trip), where they were married in the Salt Lake Temple.

When their ranch home was finished they moved into it.

Mr. Jordan managed his farm, ran a milk route to Park City and worked in the mines.

Emma was expecting their fourth child and she got whooping cough, so to be near a doctor the family moved to Park City, where their daughter Minnie was born.

They moved back to the ranch in the spring.

Mr. Jordan was a road supervisor for two years, working under William Coleman.

In order to school their growing family, George and Emma bought a home in Heber, where they spent the winters, and moved back to the ranch in the summer.

When the boys were older they went into the cattle and sheep business, which they ran until his retirement in 1931. Mr. Jordan founded the Jordanelle resort and later sold it to his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Buys Cummings.

Lloyd Jordan died of injuries received in a car accident on November 12, 1954.

Robert Davis, a brother of Emma Jordan, made his home with his sister since 1940. He never married, but was active in farm work and gardening until his health started failing when he was 85 years old.

Emma Davis, at 83, is very active, doing all her own housework and caring for her brother. She raises beautiful flowers, and

her crochet hook is seldom idle. She has made hundreds of doilies and hot pads and afghans, etc., which she gives to her relatives and friends. She is active in the Daughters of the Pioneers, her club and Relief Society, and block teaching. She never misses Sunday School or Sacrament meeting. Both young and old love to visit her home and enjoy her keen wit and humor.

In her younger years it was a joy for her to prepare large meals for all her children and grandchildren. No one ever left her home hungry.

Emma Jordan cared for her mother in her home for three years before mother died, at the age of 92.

When George Borlan Jordan was three years old the family moved to the ranch, six miles north of Heber, on the Provo River. His mother had taught school in Heber and she gave her children what schooling they received.

Their first house was of logs, built by a half-brother, John P. It was a rough lumber house, with dirt floor. They suffered many hardships. George's father was a farmer and stone mason. He made many of the headstones in Heber Cemetery. The children rubbed them smooth with another sandstone.

They never had a stove. They baked in a camp oven. Hay was cut with a scythe and raked with a hand rake. The farm work was done with oxen. George started working in the fields when eight years old. He cut grain with a cradle and bound it by hand. They moved to a log house one-half mile down in the field. He then went to work for William Moulton on his dairy farm for $15 a month and worked for seven years. Then he made $30 a month, which was considered top wages. From there he went to work at the Ontario drain tunnel, now the Park Utah mine.

They moved back to the Jordan ranch, 80 acres, and built a two-room log house. They lived on the farm and worked in the Valejo mine and on the farm after work. He rode to work on a horse.

They bought Jordanelle in 1914. (Erv's house was partly built, moved the two-room log house up there, and lived in it while building another house. When house was finished, the log house (first) was used as a granary and still stands today as a granary.) He raised cattle, later sold and bought first sheep and sold out to Erv and Bill all but 10 acres, where Jordanelle resort is located. Run store and cabins at Jordanelle several years and sold to Mae and Buys Cummings.

He courted in a horse and cart, and was married on Church Farm, in a log house.

He earned $3 a day at the mine. Later he moved to Park and worked in the drain tunnel. Minnie was born in Park.

He bought a home in Heber so the children could receive schooling, Emma joining him in the winter.

George was a North Road supervisor for horses and buggies from the River bridge to the county line. He was school trustee in Riverdale from River bridge south to Heber. He attended Church in the schoolhouse where Pole camp is now. Parties and dances were held there.

His father died from pneumonia when he was 11 years old. Mother died of dropsy when he was 17 years old. Both he and and his brother managed the farm and earned the living for the family. He contracted typhoid fever before mother died. Sister Mary Jane died.

The family resided at Elkhorn Ward and Heber City. George was an Elder in the Church, a farmer and ranchman.

JOHN JORDAN

John Jordan was born January 4, 1812, in Courtney, Berkshire, England, son of John Jordan Sr. and Charlot Townsend.

He married Cynthia Elizabeth Phillips, February 18, 1842, and she died March 25, 1847.

Children: Jacob Henry, John Phillips (Julia Smith).

He married Charlott Malinda Colvin August 16, 1847, who was born November 20, 1807. She died in February, 1851.

He married Eliza Humphreys Robins, daughter of Richard Humphreys and Esther.

Children: Charlott Malinda, Elizabeth Synthis (William Crowford) and Joseph Hyrum (Elizabeth M. Givens)

He was a veteran of the Walker and Black Hawk War. He also took part in the Echo Canyon trouble. A High Priest, he was first counselor to John M. Murdock and president of the High Priests' Quorum.